

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1402

By Coleman

A RESOLUTION to commend James W. Kirby for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Executive Director of the District Attorneys General Conference.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, James W. Kirby is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Executive Director of the District Attorneys General Conference, James Kirby has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, born on March 16, 1947, in Louisville, Kentucky, James W. Kirby is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University and received his legal degree from the Nashville School of Law; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, from 1972 to 1976 Mr. Kirby served as an administrator with the Tennessee Crime Lab before accepting an appointment as assistant district attorney for the 23rd District; and

WHEREAS, named a senior district attorney for the 23rd District in 1990, Mr. Kirby would rise to the position of deputy district attorney for the 23rd District in 1997 and would hold that position until he was named to his current position in 1999; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed member of the legal profession, he is a member of the Tennessee Judicial Council and the Tennessee Bureau of Identification Nominating Commission and a former vice president and past president of the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirby's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, James Kirby is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, James Kirby is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Martha Daniel Kirby, and their three children, Ryan, Jennifer, and Jill, and their nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, James Kirby is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend James W. Kirby for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Executive Director of the District Attorneys General Conference and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.